

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD
REGULATION 672-1****31 March 2003****DECORATIONS, AWARDS, AND HONORS****CHAPTER 1****GENERAL**

1-1. Purpose. The purpose of this regulation is to establish an awards program in order to provide tangible evidence of public recognition by the State of South Carolina for acts of heroism performed and exceptional or outstanding service or achievement rendered by members of the South Carolina State Guard.

1-2. Policy.

a. Decorations are awarded on a restricted and individual basis in recognition of heroic, extraordinary, outstanding and meritorious acts, achievements and services.

b. No more than one decoration will be awarded for the same act, achievement or period of meritorious service except that a decoration may be awarded for an act of heroism performed within the same period for which a meritorious service award has been made or recommended.

c. No decoration shall be awarded or presented to any individual whose entire service, subsequent to the time of the act, achievement or service, has not been honorable.

d. Special consideration shall be given to the recognition of outstanding company grade and warrant officers and enlisted personnel whose achievements and services have met the prescribed criteria herein.

e. Service ribbons are awarded generally in recognition of loyal and faithful performance of duty during designated periods of service. Unit commanders and/or custodians of personnel records will administratively award appropriate service ribbons to individuals whenever they meet the criteria prescribed in this regulation. Authority has been delegated to Brigade Commanders to approve award of the Commendation Medal, the Individual Achievement Ribbon, the Good Conduct Ribbon, the Federal Service School Ribbon, the SCSG Service Ribbon, the Emergency Service Training Ribbon, the Volunteer Service Ribbon, the Military Readiness Ribbon, the Recruiting Achievement Ribbon, and the Military Proficiency Ribbon.

f. Only one decoration or award will be given to any individual. Except as noted in Chapter II, all entitlements subsequent to the initial award will be an appropriate appurtenance. All subsequent awards of decorations or of the SCSG Commendation Medal, SCSG Individual Achievement Ribbon and the Humanitarian Service Ribbon will be indicated by a bronze oak leaf cluster. When more than one appurtenance is authorized, they will be arranged in a horizontal row centered in the middle of the ribbon. In lieu of five (5) bronze appurtenances, a silver appurtenance is worn to the wearer's right of any bronze appurtenance. **In lieu of five (5) silver appurtenances, a gold appurtenance is worn to the wearer's right of any silver or bronze appurtenances.** All oak leaf clusters are worn with the oak stems to the wearer's right. Service stars are worn with the point of the star at the top.

g. While no time limitations on awards are prescribed, the award should be made as soon as possible after it is earned.

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h. An appropriate certificate with citation (Appendix D) will be presented as a part of each decoration, Commendation Medal and Individual Achievement Ribbon awarded. Certificates and citations are not awarded with service ribbons, except for the Certificate of Proficiency (Appendix F) that is presented with the initial award of the Service Ribbon and the Military Proficiency Ribbon.

1-3. Definitions.

a. As used in this regulation, the use of the pronouns, he, his and himself, include she, her and herself as appropriate.

b. Heroism. Specific acts of courageous conduct at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty or a closely related series of significant acts of personal heroism performed within a short period of time.

c. Distinguished by. A person distinguished by praiseworthy accomplishment and set apart from other persons in the same or similar circumstances. Determination of the distinction requires careful consideration of exactly what is or was expected as the ordinary, routine or customary behavior and accomplishment for the individual of like rank and experience for the circumstances involved.

d. Duty of great responsibility. Duty which, by virtue of the position held, carries a high degree of the responsibility for the successful operation of a major command, activity, agency or project, or which requires the exercise of judgment and decision affecting plans, policies and operations on the lives and well-being of others. The discharge of such duty must involve the acceptance and fulfillment of the obligation to greatly benefit the interest of the State.

e. Key individual. A person who is occupying a position that is indispensable to any organization, activity or project.

f. Meritorious achievement. A praiseworthy accomplishment, with an easily discernible beginning and end, carried through to completion. The length of time is not a consideration but speed of accomplishment may be a factor in determining the worth of the enterprise.

g. Meritorious service. Praiseworthy execution of duties over a period of time. Service differs from achievement in that service concerns a period of time, while achievement, in that enterprise, has a definite beginning and end, but is not necessarily connected with a specific period of time.

h. Officer. The word "officer" means "commissioned or warrant officer".

i. Non-commissioned officer. The word "non-commissioned officer" (NCO) shall include the grades corporal (E-4) through sergeant major (E-9).

j. Anniversary year. That period of time commencing with the Date of Entry (DOE)

into the South Carolina State Guard (SCSG) and to the subsequent anniversary date, but not before 13 Oct 81, except as noted herein.

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1-4. Qualifications.

a. For members to discharge the operational mission of the SCSG, instruction or training will be required for a multitude of situations and specialties (MOS), some of which may be beyond current experience or imagination. Therefore, any doubt as to the applicability of the training to qualify for awards should be resolved in favor of the recipient. However, Headquarters, SCSG, will closely monitor all awards to preclude obvious deviation from the intent herein.

b. Any questions relating to qualifications for any decorations or awards should be directed to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Administration, Headquarters, SCSG.

c. The criteria for SCSG awards and decorations specified in this chapter are not in conflict with AGR 672-1. In certain instance, an individual may be recognized for distinguished service in accordance with the provisions of AGR 672-1.

1-5. Authorized Individual Decorations and Awards. The following SCSG Individual Decorations and Awards are authorized for award to and wear by members in the following order of precedence (Refer to Appendixes B and C).

a.	Medal of Valor	MV
b.	Distinguished Service Medal	DSM
c.	Medal of Merit	MM
d.	Meritorious Service Medal	MSM
e.	Commendation Medal	CM
f.	Individual Achievement Ribbon	IAR
g.	Good Conduct Ribbon	GCR
h.	Longevity Service Medal	LSM
i.	Golden Anniversary Ribbon (1991)	GAR
j.	Federal Service School Ribbon	FSSR
k.	Humanitarian Service Ribbon	HSR
l.	Service Ribbon	SR
m.	Emergency Service Training Ribbon	ESTR
n.	Volunteer Service Ribbon	VSR
o.	Honors Detail Service Ribbon	HDSR
p.	Military Readiness Ribbon	MRR
q.	Recruiting Achievement Ribbon	RAR
r.	Military Proficiency Ribbon	MPR

1-6. Authorized Unit Decorations and Awards: The following State and State Guard Unit Decorations and Awards have been authorized for award to and wear by members of the SC State Guard (Appendixes B and C):

a.	Governor's Unit Citation	GUC
b.	Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon	OUCR
c.	Unit Achievement Award	UAA

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CHAPTER 2

CRITERIA FOR DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

2-1. Individual Decorations.

a. Medal of Valor. The Medal of Valor may be presented to any member who distinguishes himself by courageous conduct at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty while in the service of the State or the service of the United States. This award shall be made only upon clear, convincing and incontestable proof by an affidavit of at least one eyewitness having personal knowledge of the act, deed, or series of acts. Any subsequent award(s) will be indicated by bronze oak leaf cluster(s).

b. Distinguished Service Medal. The Distinguished Service Medal may be presented to any member of the State Guard, of the active or reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States, of the Militia of another state or territory of the United States, or of the armed forces of another nation who has distinguished himself through significant contributions of a military or military/civil nature to the freedom and security of the State of South Carolina, the United States of America, or the free world. When such service was not directly under the auspices of the United States of America, **it must not have been in the capacity of a belligerent towards the United States or any of its allies at the time of the action.** Any subsequent award(s) will be indicated by bronze oak leaf cluster(s).

c. Medal of Merit. The Medal of Merit may be presented to any member who distinguishes himself by exceptional meritorious service to the State in a duty of great responsibility or to any person who, by unselfish and tireless activities in connection with the South Carolina State Guard, has rendered a distinct service in furthering the interest of and in promoting the security and welfare of the State. Any subsequent awards(s) will be indicated by bronze oak leaf cluster(s).

d. Meritorious Service Medal. **The Meritorious Service Medal may be presented to any member who distinguishes himself by superior meritorious service to the State in a duty of high responsibility or to any person who, through sustained and dedicated service, has furthered the interest of and promoted the welfare of the South Carolina State Guard. Any subsequent award(s) will be indicated by bronze oak leaf cluster(s).**

2-2. Individual Awards.

a. Commendation Medal. The Commendation Medal may be awarded to any commissioned officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or enlisted person who has distinguished himself by meritorious achievement or service of distinction. It will be awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity while service as a member of the SCSG. The Commander's recommendation must be based on his own personal knowledge of the individual

and his official record of military achievement or civilian mission support. Any subsequent award(s) will be indicated by bronze oak leaf cluster(s)

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b. Individual Achievement Ribbon. The Individual Achievement Ribbon may be awarded to any commissioned officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or enlisted person who has distinguished himself by outstanding achievement or superior service. It will be awarded for notably superior behavior, efficiency and devotion to duty while serving as a member of the SCSG. The supervisor or commander at the lowest level having direct knowledge of the individual and his activities should prepare recommendations. Award of the Individual Achievement Ribbon may be approved by the Brigade Commander and may be used to provide timely recognition of outstanding achievement or superior service. Any subsequent award(s) will be indicated by bronze oak leaf cluster(s).

c. Good Conduct Ribbon. The Good Conduct Ribbon may be presented to any enlisted person who has demonstrated fidelity through faithful performance of duty, efficiency to produce desired results, and behavior that deserves emulation. The minimum period of service for consideration for this award is not less than three (3) years of continuous active enlisted service subsequent to 13 October 1981. After the initial award, each subsequent period of not less than three (3) years continuous enlisted service will be recognized with a bronze knot worn on the ribbon. EXCEPTION: The Good Conduct Ribbon may be awarded to an individual who has been commissioned directly after a minimum of twelve (12) months enlisted service.

d. Longevity Service Medal. The Longevity Service Medal may be awarded to any member for honorable and satisfactory service in the SCSG for a continuous period of five (5) years. The years will be on an anniversary (not calendar) year basis subsequent to 13 October 1981. Each additional five (5) years of service will be represented by a bronze oak leaf cluster.

e. Golden Anniversary Ribbon. The Golden Anniversary Ribbon was awarded to those members of the SCSG and selected individuals from other organizations or agencies that contributed substantially to preparations for and/or participated in the SCSG 50th Anniversary celebration held at the State House on 21 March 1991.

f. Federal Service School Ribbon.

(1) The Federal Service School Ribbon may be awarded to any member for the successful completion of any course or school which will aid the training or mission of the SCSG. The course should be related to the individual's grade and duty assignment. Training will be accomplished as a resident student of at least three (3) days at any active U.S. Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserve or National Guard Service School, or an equivalent non-resident course or school. **To qualify for this award, requirements must be met after becoming a member of the SCSG.** There is no provision for subsequent awards.

(2) Evidence of completion of such a course is mandatory and it must be in the form of an official diploma or certificate from the service school.

g. Humanitarian Service Ribbon.

(1) The Humanitarian Service Ribbon may be awarded to member for

significant assistance to state and /or local governmental agencies in the event of a disaster, natural or man-made, such as a hurricane, flood, tornado, earthquake, conflagration or an act of civil disobedience. The service should provide significant relief of human suffering and/or an

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amelioration of the effects of a natural disaster. Such acts might be assisting in clearing storm damage, providing or coordinating relief efforts, providing security to people or property, etc.

(2) The Commander, SCSG, will specify in writing those operations that qualify for award of the Humanitarian Service Ribbon.

(3) Headquarters, SCSG, will review all recommendations to assure that only those individuals who contributed to the successful outcome of the mission receive the Humanitarian Service Ribbon.

(a) Command Post personnel may be considered if they are in direct control of operations in the field and are present for a significant portion of the mission.

(b) Headquarters personnel at any level should not be considered eligible for this award unless their service qualifies under provision (3) above

(4) Subsequent award(s) will be represented by oak leaf cluster(s).

(5) Award of the Humanitarian Service Ribbon will not be retroactive.

h. Service Ribbon. The Service Ribbon will be awarded to any member for one (1) year's service, with attendance at 80% of scheduled drills/assemblies or equivalent time made up through compensatory services (work details; recruiting service; administrative or logistics support). **The years of service will be based on the individual's anniversary year.** A bronze star, to be placed on the ribbon, will be awarded for each additional year's service meeting the same criteria for participation. A rifle device on a separate basic service ribbon will identify personnel who served in the State Guard during World War II. Any stars for World War II and for current years will be displayed on a separate ribbon worn *after* the ribbon bearing the rifle device.

i. Emergency Service Training Ribbon. The Emergency Service Training Ribbon may be awarded to any member who has satisfactorily completed any course or series of courses of instruction of at least forty (40) hours duration dealing with military or civil emergencies which results in a certificate of completion. Training may be accomplished by correspondence or as a resident student at any active U.S. Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserve, National Guard, or civilian school program. This includes, but is not limited to, areas of planning, coordination, management, or execution and, includes such areas as CPR courses, American Red Cross First Aid courses, FEMA Home Study Courses, or Riot Control. Evidence of completion of such courses is mandatory and must be in the form of an official diploma, certificate or letter from an officer or instructor of the institution or organization providing the course. There is no provision for subsequent awards.

j. Volunteer Service Ribbon. The Volunteer Service Ribbon may be awarded to any member who has completed a minimum of 200 hours of volunteer service to the SCSG during his anniversary year, exclusive of attendance at drills, staff meetings, and field training exercises. Ceremonies and parades, including military funeral support, are creditable for this

award. For personnel who achieve a minimum of 500 hours, the Volunteer Service Ribbon will have a gold oak leaf cluster affixed. All recommendations for award of this ribbon will be

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supported by logs, registers, or statements of hours, dates and places of service. Awards for completion of 200 hours in any subsequent anniversary year will be indicated by affixing a silver oak leaf cluster. For 500 hours in any subsequent anniversary year, a gold oak leaf cluster will be added. It is possible that two ribbons will have to be worn to display all service credit.

k. Honors Detail Service Ribbon. The Honors Detail Service Ribbon is to recognize the service of those personnel who have been trained and voluntarily participate in providing military honors to deceased Federal and State veterans.

(1) Basic award requires participation in a minimum of five (5) military funerals. Individual must have been acting under orders published by Headquarters, SC State Guard..

(2) The Chief of Staff, the Chief of Chaplains, and Brigade Commanders or their designee may request issuance of the Honors Detail Service Ribbon. Request must include the dates of service and the order number that supported that service. Headquarters, SCSG will verify service with the permanent copy of orders maintained at that level.

(3) The Honors Detail Service Ribbon will not be retroactive.

(4) Subsequent award(s) will be represented by bronze star device(s) to be placed on the ribbon.

l. Military Readiness Ribbon. The Military Readiness Ribbon may be awarded to any member for 100% participation in all mandatory SCSG training **or equivalent time made up through compensatory services (work detail, recruiting service, administrative or logistics support, etc.)** during any anniversary year. Awards for subsequent years will be indicated by numerals affixed on the ribbon. Commanders must verify attendance records **or logs that** support the recommendation for this award.

m. Recruiting Achievement Ribbon. The Recruiting Achievement Ribbon may be awarded to any member who recruits five (5) new enlistees or officers within any twelve (12) month period. Certification of the enlistees and appointments will accompany recommendations for the award and a roster indicating names and dates of those enlisted or appointed is required. Re-enlistments do not qualify in meeting the criteria for this award. Awards for subsequent years will be indicated by numerals affixed on the ribbon.

n. Military Proficiency Ribbon. (Revised effective 1 July 1989) The Military proficiency Ribbon is awarded to any member who has attained basic proficiency as a State Guardsman, as defined in the Training Program. All persons awarded the Military Proficiency Ribbon under these revised criteria will wear a distinguishing insignia on the ribbon as follows:

(1) Company level personnel who have completed basic proficiency training and are considered fully qualified – crossed pistols in bronze.

(2) Staff personnel at higher headquarters level who have completed appropriate training and are considered fully qualified:

- (a) Battalion – bronze torch device.
- (b) Brigade – silver torch device.
- (c) SCSG Headquarters – gold torch device

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- (3) Chaplains, at all levels: silver chaplain's emblem.
- (4) Communicators (only licensed radio operators) - crossed signal flags
- (5) Medical personnel:
 - (a) Company and Battalion - bronze Maltese cross
 - (b) Brigade – silver Maltese cross
 - (c) SCSG Headquarters – gold Maltese cross

(6) No more than three (3) of the distinguishing insignia or appurtenance will be worn on the Military Proficiency Ribbon at any time.

2-3. Unit Decorations and Awards.

a. Governor's Unit Citation. The Governor's Unit Citation is a State decoration described in AGR 672-1 and covered herein because of its award to all State Guard units in 1990. It is awarded to units and organization for exceptionally meritorious performance while serving in any military capacity. This unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions and under similar circumstances.

b. Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon. The Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon is intended to foster unit morale and to provide incentive and esprit de corps by recognizing those units which meet either of the following criteria:

(1) Service: Maintain an average unit training assembly attendance of 90% or better for nine (9) or more of the twelve (12) months of the training year and to have achieved a rating of excellent or higher on the last IG report with no unsatisfactory rating in any sub-areas thereof.

(2) Achievement: Any unit that has distinguished itself through performance of a specific act, the performance of which must have been accomplished in a manner that clearly exceeds that which is normally expected.

c. Unit Achievement Award. This award is intended to foster unit morale and to provide incentive and esprit de corps by recognizing those units which meet either of the following criteria:

(1) Service: Maintain an average unit training assembly attendance of 60% or better for nine (9) or more of the twelve (12) months of the training year; achieve at least 80% of recruiting goal assigned; 90% of unit members complete basic proficiency training within two years of joining.

(2) Achievement: Any unit which has distinguished itself through superior performance of routine duties or through a specific act or series of acts, the accomplishment of which must have been achieved in a manner clearly exceeding that which is normally expected.

- d. Subsequent awards will be represented by oak leaf cluster.

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- e. Unit citation awards may be worn by all individuals assigned to the unit receiving the award. Individuals assigned to the unit at the time the award was presented may wear the award permanently; however, individuals who were not a member of the unit at the time the award was made, may not continue to wear the citation when transferred to another unit.

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CHAPTER 3

RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVAL AUTHORITY

3-1. GENERAL.

a. It is the responsibility and privilege of every individual having personal knowledge of an act, achievement, or service believed to warrant a decoration or an award to submit a formal recommendation for appropriate consideration.

b. The Adjutant General of South Carolina or his designated representative is the approving authority for all decorations.

c. The Adjutant General of South Carolina or his designated representative is the approving authority for all awards except those based upon the member's service record.

d. Recommendations for all **decorations** (see paragraph 2-1), will be on SCSG Form 58 (Recommendation/Request for Decorations and Awards) (Appendix A) and forwarded through command channels to Headquarters, SCSG, where it will be presented to an Awards and Decorations Board for appropriate processing. Each intermediate command will either recommend "approval" or "disapproval", however, **Headquarters, SCSG is the approving authority for the Medal of Valor, Distinguished Service Medal, Medal of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal.** The action(s) qualifying individual(s) for all decorations must be set forth in a narrative and accompany the SCSG Form 58.

e. All recommendations for SCSG **awards** (see paragraph 2-2) will be submitted on SCSG Form 58 (Recommendation/Request for Decorations and Awards) and forwarded through command channels to the appropriate approval authority. **The Brigade Commander may approve award of the Commendation Medal and the Individual Achievement Ribbon. The Brigade Commander or his designee may approve all other SCSG awards, except for the Longevity Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Golden Anniversary Ribbon and all unit awards. Headquarters, SCSG, has retained approval authority for the Longevity Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Golden Anniversary Ribbon and all unit awards.** Approved SCSG Forms 58 will be submitted to HQ, SCSG, for issue of orders and ribbons. For award of the Commendation Medal, Individual Achievement Ribbon, or Unit Awards, a short citation, not exceeding nine (9) lines, will accompany the SCSG Form 58.

(1) A separate SCSG Form 58 will be submitted for each proposed award (ribbon) or subsequent award (appurtenance) of the same ribbon. More than one recipient for the same ribbon or subsequent award may be named on the same SCSG Form 58. For example, the same SCSG Form 58 may be used to list several persons eligible for award of the Service Ribbon for one (1) year's service, but a separate form would be required to list one (1) member of the same unit for the first bronze star to the Service Ribbon denoting two (2) years service, and so forth. All persons listed on the same SCSG Form 58 must be recommended for the exactly the same award.

(2) A copy of the personnel action will be placed in the individual's personnel

records jacket.

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(3) In order to avoid conflicts of interest, recommendations for award of the Individual Achievement Ribbon, Commendation Medal, and all higher awards to a Brigade Commander will be sent directly to the Attention of the Deputy Commander, Headquarters, SCSG. The Deputy Commander will review these requests and, whenever necessary, send the request to the Awards Board for appropriate action. The Deputy Commander will discuss all approved requests with the Commander, SCSG, and will coordinate an appropriate presentation.

3-2. Announcement of Decorations and Awards. Permanent Orders will be published by Headquarters, SCSG, for all Decorations and Awards. A copy of the order announcing the decoration or award and a copy of the citation and/or certificate, if applicable, will be placed in the individual's personnel records jacket.

3-3. Certificates for Decorations and Awards. Certificates for all decorations, the Commendation Medal, the Individual Achievement Ribbon and the Certificate of Proficiency will be prepared by Headquarters, SCSG, and will be made available for presentation at the appropriate ceremony. (Appendix D).

3-4. Awards and Decorations Board. An Awards and Decorations Board at the brigade level, comprised of field grade officers, will review recommendation for decorations prior to the recommendation being forwarded to Headquarters, SCSG, for the final approval process. While the orders appointing such may contain a number of officers, a quorum shall require only three (3) officers. In unusual circumstances, the Board may summon individuals, including the recipient, to appear in person before the Board. The oral deliberation of the Awards and Decorations are confidential and except for their written "approval" or "disapproval", will not be in writing or disclosed.

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CHAPTER 4

PRESENTATION OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

4-1. Decorations. The Medal of Valor, the Distinguished Service Medal and Medal of Merit may be presented by the Governor, the Adjutant General or a General Officer designated by him in the name of the Governor.

4-2. Awards. All awards may be presented by the Commander or by the Deputy Commander, the SCSG Chief of Staff, Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders in the name of the Commander, SCSG.

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CHAPTER 5

MISCELLANEOUS

5-1. Letters of Commendation/Achievement. Local commanders and staff sections may, and are encouraged to, recognize individual acts, not meriting a decoration or an award, through the issuance, publication and presentation of appropriate Letters of Commendation or Achievement. The original will be given to the individual, one copy will be forwarded to Headquarters, SCSG, and one copy will be placed in the individual's field personnel records jacket.

5-2. Certificates of Appreciation. (Military) The SCSG Certificate of Appreciation has been established to recognize individual acts not warranting decorations or awards or to express appreciation to individuals or organization for outstanding services performed. Certificates will normally be signed by the Adjutant General and will be included as an enclosure to the correspondence described in paragraph 5-1 above. (Appendix F)

5-3. SCSG Certificate of Proficiency.

a. Will be awarded to each member upon completion of both one year's service and basic proficiency qualification (that is, when he has become eligible for or has been awarded both the Military Proficiency Ribbon and the SCSG Service Ribbon). (Appendix G)

b. Will be issued individually by Headquarters, SCSG, upon application by the member's commander, on SCSG Form 58, with either reference to orders awarding qualifying ribbons or certificates attesting completion of service and qualification requirements.

5-4. Golden Crest Award. (Civilian)

a. May be awarded to any organization and/or first-line supervisor who has demonstrated exceptional support of the SCSG members in their employment.

b. Where first-line supervisors do not meet all the prerequisites enumerated above, a Certificate of Appreciation may be awarded in lieu thereof for this recognition of the faithful and cooperative spirit in the release of employees of SCSG duty and/or training.

c. The Golden Crest Award and Certificate of Appreciation will be signed by the The Adjutant General and/or the State Guard Commander.

d. The presentation will be made by The Adjutant General or his designee.

5-5. Wearing of Decoration, Awards, Badges and Appurtenances.

a. Only decorations, awards, and badges awarded by the United States Armed Forces, the Armed Forces of allied or friendly nations, the National Guard, the Armed Forces Reserve, State of South Carolina, South Carolina State Guard, Sister States or United States Territories, and Chartered military societies and organizations may be worn on the uniform by

members of the SCSG. No member of the State Guard may wear a decoration, award or badge awarded by a nation or by its armed forces which was a belligerent towards the United States or any of its allies at the time for which the award was made.

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b. When ribbons are worn, the following order of precedence will apply: United States Armed Forces, United Nations and multi-lateral organizations of which the United States is a member, the Armed Forces of an allied or friendly ally, United States Reserve, National Guard, State of South Carolina, South Carolina State Guard, Sister States and territories. When wearing full-size U.S., foreign and State Decorations and service medals, all decorations and service medals will be worn in order of precedence except that the U.S. Medal of Honor and the State Medal of Valor will be worn with a neck ribbon. The badge representing award of the Order of the Palmetto may be worn on a neck ribbon. See paragraph 32-6. Army Regulation 670-1, order of Precedence, for US, UN, and foreign decorations and awards; AGR 672-1, for State of South Carolina and SCARNG decorations and awards, and Appendix C for SCSG Order of Precedence. All unit decorations and awards in gold frames will be worn on the right side of the uniform, in order of precedence, with the laurel leaves on the frames pointing up. The order of precedence will be from wearer's right to left in rows of not more than three (3) emblems per row.

c. Appurtenances are devices affixed to service or suspension ribbons or worn in lieu of medals or ribbons. They are worn to denote additional awards, participation in specific event, or other distinguished characteristics of the award. These include the oak leaf clusters, stars, knots, or numerals worn to denote additional awards; crossed pistols, torches, and various branch insignia used to identify level and area of proficiency; and the Maltese cross device which changes the character of an award. Any decoration (paragraph 2-1), and the Commendation Medal or the Individual Achievement Ribbon may be awarded with a bronze Maltese Cross device for life-saving or rendering emergency medical assistance. This is not a separate award but an appurtenance. Policy for wear of appurtenances is included in paragraph 1-2f, above, and in chapter 2, under each decoration or award.

d. No foreign military decorations, awards, or foreign badges may be worn on the uniform unless at least one U.S. decoration or service ribbon is worn at the same time.

e. No other military or other decorations, medals, badges, or ribbons may be worn on the uniform by members of the SCSG.

5-6. Appendixes. Appropriate forms, certificates, and applications are enclosed as part of this regulation.

- Appendix A. SCSG Form 58 (dtd 15 May 00)
Recommendation/Request for Decorations and Awards
- Appendix B. SCSG Order of Precedence
- Appendix C. SCSG Decorations and Awards (Illustrated)
- Appendix D. SCSG Certificate for Decoration or Award
- Appendix E. SCSG Certificate of Appreciation
- Appendix F. SCSG Certificate of Proficiency

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ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

South Carolina State Guard Decorations and Awards
And Other Authorized Ribbons

1. GENERAL: All decorations and awards listed below will follow Federal (US), United Nations, Foreign Nation, and State Decorations that the individual is authorized to wear.
2. INDIVIDUAL DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: Individual decorations and awards are worn on ribbon bars above the left pocket on the Class A (Army Green Blouse) or Class B (Light Green Shirt: uniform, in the following order:
 - a. Medal of Valor
 - b. Distinguished Service Medal
 - c. Medal of Merit
 - d. Meritorious Service Medal
 - e. Commendation Medal
 - f. Individual Achievement Ribbon
 - g. Good Conduct Medal
 - h. Longevity Service Medal
 - i. Golden Anniversary Ribbon
 - j. Federal Service School Ribbon
 - k. Humanitarian Service Ribbon
 - l. Service Ribbon
 - m. Emergency Service
 - n. Volunteer Service Ribbon
 - o. Honors Detail Service Ribbon
 - p. Military Readiness Ribbon
 - q. Recruiting Achievement Ribbon
 - r. Military Proficiency Ribbon
 - s. Decorations and Awards of other states or state defense forces
 - t. Ribbons and medals of military societies and related organizations
 - u. State Guard Association of the United States (SGAUS) Membership Ribbon
 - v. Other Awards Authorized but not listed above
3. UNIT DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: Unit decorations and awards are worn above the right pocket of the uniforms described above, in the following order:
 - a. Governor's Unit Citation
 - b. Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon
 - c. Unit Achievement Award
2. OTHER DECORATIONS AND AWARDS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE:
Commemorative medals representing active Federal military service are worn after all US campaign or expeditionary service medals and before the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the other Reserve medals, and any medals issued by the United Nations or foreign governments.

Appendix B